

CULCON XXVI: Japanese Participants

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JAPAN CULCON PANELISTS:

Chair:

- ❖ Mr. Minoru (Ben) Makihara, KBE, Senior Corporate Advisor and Former Chairman, Mitsubishi Corporation

Panelists:

- ❖ Dr. Teiichi Sato, Former Vice Minister of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT), Former Ambassador to United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- ❖ Dr. Fumiaki Kubo, Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo
- ❖ Mr. Kazuyuki Kimbara, Director, International Affairs Bureau, Nippon Keidanren
Representing Mr. Yoshio Nakamura, Special Adviser to Chairman, Nippon Keidanren (Japan Business Federation)

Ex-Officio Panelists:

- ❖ Dr. Masanori Aoyagi, Commissioner for Cultural Affairs, Agency for Cultural Affairs (TBC as *ex officio*)
- ❖ Mr. Junichi Chano, Executive Director, The Center for Global Partnership (TBC as *ex officio*)
- ❖ Mr. Shigeharu Kato, Director-General for International Affairs, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science, and Technology (MEXT)
- ❖ Mr. Jun Shimmi, Director-General for Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)
- ❖ Mr. Koji Tomita, Director-General, the North American Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS:

Embassy of Japan in the United States:

- ❖ Hon. Kenichiro Sasae, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the United States
- ❖ Mr. Masato Ohtaka, Minister for Public Affairs
- ❖ Ms. Noriko Watanabe, Education Counselor
- ❖ Mr. Takaaki Nemoto, Second Secretary, Embassy of Japan in the United States

Ministry of Foreign Affairs:

- ❖ Ms. Mari Takada, Director, Cultural Affairs and Overseas Public Relations Division, Minister's Secretariat
- ❖ Ms. Yoshiko Okamoto, Cultural Affairs and Overseas Public Relations Division, Minister's Secretariat

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- ❖ Mr. Shinji Doi, Official, Office for International Planning, Higher Education Bureau

- ❖ Mr. Takumi Inoue, Director, Office for Student Exchange, Student Support and Exchange Division, Higher Education Bureau
- ❖ Mr. Kojiro Kakimoto, Senior Specialist for Personnel Exchange, International Affairs Division, Minister's Secretariat
- ❖ Mr. Hideto Matsumoto, Director, Office for International Planning, Higher Education Bureau

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- ❖ Ms. Akiko Sakuta, Secretary to the Commissioner, Policy Planning and Coordination Division, Commissioner's Secretariat

The Japan Foundation Center for Global Partnership:

- ❖ Mr. Osamu Honda, Director General, The Japan Foundation, New York, Director, New York

EDUCATION TASK FORCE MEMBERS:

- ❖ Hon. Amb. Ryoza Kato, Former Ambassador of Japan to the United States

ARTS DIALOGUE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

- ❖ Mr. Yuji Kurihara, Secretary-General, National Institutes for Cultural Heritage

STAFF:

- ❖ Mr. Norio Okaido, Secretary-General, Japan CULCON Secretariat
- ❖ Ms. Nanako Munakata, Assistant Secretary, Japan CULCON Secretariat

UNABLE TO ATTEND:

Panelist:

- ❖ Dr. Yuichiro Anzai, President, Japan Society for the Promotion of Science

Advisor:

- ❖ Mr. Yutaka Aso, President & CEO, Aso Corporation and Aso Cement Co., Ltd.